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**RESPONSES TO COMMENTS ON THE  
GROUNDWATER MODELING EVALUATION  
REPORT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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RE: Responses to Comments on the  
Groundwater Modeling Evaluation  
Report and Improvement Plan

Dear Mr. Craig:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has completed its review of the Responses to Comments (RTC) on the Groundwater Modeling Evaluation Report and Improvement Plan. Although, U.S. EPA concurs with the United States Department of Energy (U.S. DOE) RTC many of the responses require the U.S. DOE to submit documentation concerning model improvement.

U.S. EPA agrees to participate in several meetings over the next few months, provide input on model improvement, and review the final groundwater model improvement report in April 1994. However, U.S. EPA will not approve the groundwater model itself. The groundwater model is a tool which U.S. DOE is using to complete the remedial activities required under the 1991 Amended Consent Decree, and does not require U.S. EPA approval.

Therefore, U.S. EPA agrees with U.S. DOE's overall approach to improving the groundwater model.

Please contact me at (312) 886-0992 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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